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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: GOF CONCERNS RE AIRPORT SECURITY

1. GENERAL WALTER, IN CHARGE OF CIVAIR SECURITY MATTERS AT SGAC, CALLED ON FAA REP TO EXPRESS THANKS FOR FAA HELP ACCORDED DURING HIS RECENT VISIT US. HE HOPED FOR CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH US ON SECURITY MATTERS.

2. WALTER SAID GOF ANXIOUS IMPLEMENT ADEQUATE SECURITY MEASURES AT ORLY AND AT ROISSY AIRPORT SCHEDULED OPEN IN MARCH 1974. WALTER REQUESTED FAA REPRESENTATIVE FOR TECHNICAL OPINION ON MEASURES PLANNED AT ROISSY. HE WANTED TO KNOW ALSO WHETHER US HAS WORKED OUT PROCEDURES PERMITTING PRIOR STERILIZED INCOMING PASSENGERS TO MIX WITH OUTGOING STERILIZED PASSENGERS, THUS AVOIDING ANOTHER SCREENING OF TRANSIENT PASSENGERS. FIRST INDICATIONS ARE THAT AT ROISSY CONTROL POINTS WILL BE LOCATED IN CENTER OF SATELLITE TERMINALS WITH FINGERS EXTENDING TO GATE POSITIONS WHERE ARRIVAL/

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DEPARTURE TAKE PLACE ON SAME LEVEL, THUS CAUSING SOME

DANGER OF CONTAMINATION BY ARRIVING NON-SCREENED PASSENGERS. FURTHERMORE, WALTER SAID, SINCE NO CONTROL STANDARDS EXIST THROUGHOUT EUROPE AND FRENCH FEAR LACK OF THOROUGHNESS IN SECURITY SCREENING BY AUTHORITIES IN OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, FRENCH ARE RELUCTANT TO PERMIT MIXING ARRIVING TRANSIENTS WITH OUTGOING STERILIZED PASSENGERS. WALTER INVITED FAA REP TO VISIT ROISSY SOON TO INSPECT PREMISES AND COUNSEL FRENCH ON HOW SITUATION MIGHT BE BEST REMEDIED. (COMMENT: APPARENTLY ONLY FAIL-SAFE SOLUTION IS SYSTEMATIC SCREENING ALL OUTGOING PASSENGERS INTO SECURE AREA AS NEAR DEPARTURE POINT AS POSSIBLE REGARDLESS PRIOR HANDLING. FAA/WASHINGTON COMMENTS INVITED.)

3. WALTER WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN US X-RAY MACHINES FOR PASSENGER SCREENING BUT RELUCTANT TO PROPOSE PURCHASE BECAUSE OF HIGH COST.

4. WALTER ASKED US EXTEND INVITATION TO FAA SECURITY OFFICIAL TO PARIS VISIT TO DISCUSS AIRPORT SECURITY MEASURES IN FRANCE AND AT OTHER MAJOR EUROPEAN AIRPORTS.

5. COMMENT: IN MEETING WITH RCAA PRIOR TO HIS VISIT TO US, WALTER WAS QUITE RESENTFUL OF US PRESS CRITICISM OF GOF SECURITY MEASURES (APROPOS OF JAL HIJACKING IN PARTICULAR) AND TENDED BELITTLE US ADVANCES IN CIVIL AIR SECURITY FIELD AND IN GENERAL WHAT HE CONSIDERED WAS OUR EXCESSIVE CONCERN WITH THIS SUBJECT. CHANGED ATTITUDE EVIDENT DURING HIS RECENT CALL AT EMBASSY AND HIS DESIRE FOR CLOSER COOPERATION WITH US, EVEN TO POINT OF SOLICITING OUR HELP, WOULD THUS SEEM ATTRIBUTABLE IN LARGE MEASURE TO DISCUSSIONS HE HAD WITH FAA IN US.

6. WALTER'S COMPLAINT (PARA 2 ABOVE) OF ABSENCE OF AIRPORT SECURITY CONTROL STANDARDS IN EUROPE SUGGESTS THAT HE MIGHT BE AMENABLE TO ENCOURAGEMENT TO HAVE GOF INITIATE INTRA-EUROPEAN TALKS AIMED AT REACHING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENT ON SUCH STANDARDS. HE MIGHT FEEL MORE CONFIDENT IN THIS REGARD IF ASSURED OF QUIET, INFORMAL INPUT OF US EXPERTISE AS NEEDED TO ASSIST GOF (THUS NOT DETRACTING FROM WHATEVER CREDIT GOF ITSELF MIGHT SEE ADVANTAGE IN CLAIMING FOR SUCH INITIATIVE AND FOLLOW-THROUGH). IT ALSO OCCURS TO US THAT IF FRENCH WERE TO TAKE THE LEAD ON SUCH TECHNICAL INITIATIVE AND IN THIS WAY PUBLICLY EVIDENCE INCREASED CONCERN

OVER SECURITY THREAT, THIS COULD PERHAPS CONTRIBUTE  
TO EVOLUTION IN POSITIVE SENSE OF GOF'S BROADER  
POLICY ON ANTI-HIJACKING MEASURES, NOTABLY AS REGARDS  
ADHERENCE TO MONTREAL CONVENTION.  
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